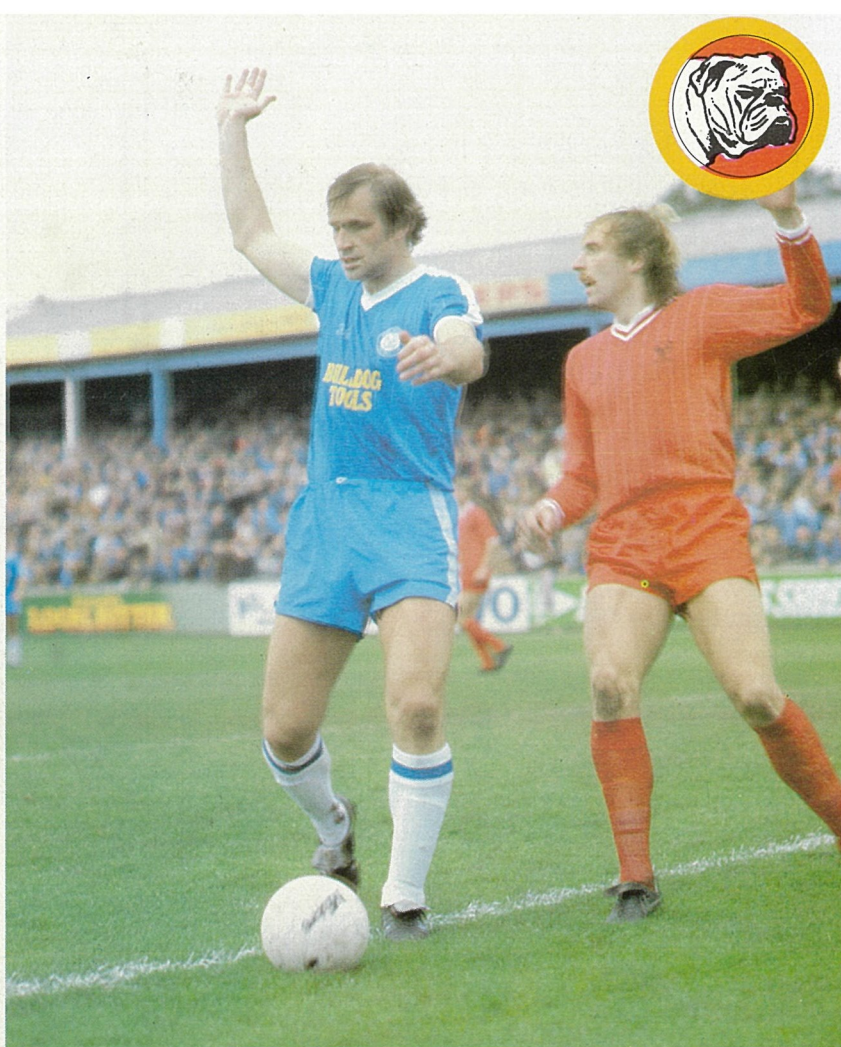


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HELLO and welcome back to Springfield Park for the first game of 1983. I trust that you all celebrated in true Wigan fashion last Friday night and I wish you all the best for the New Year.

Our last performance of 1982 against Walsall was a tremendous disappointment. The players and I know that it was probably the worst performance seen at Springfield for a couple of years. We never seemed to get started and played with neither rhythm nor pattern. But we have to learn from that game and strive to regain the form which we know we are capable of.

Finance is now becoming a regular feature of my column and the departure

of Les Bradd on a months loan to Bristol Rovers was all down to trying to cut costs. I have known Les for many years and believe him to be one of the best professionals in the business and so his leaving was especially hard for me. But the financial realities cannot be ignored and we are determined at the Latics that our main concern must be to survive the recession. Fortunately, we have some good young lads on our books who can step into the side and we will have to be calling on them more and more in the future.

In 1983, therefore, I would ask you to keep up the tremendous support you have shown over the last twelve months and if I have one wish for the New Year it is that by the end of it the only thing that we need to concern ourselves with is the game on the field because our financial situation will be well under control.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

IF IT'S goals you want, then the Third Division is the place to be.

On the Saturday before Christmas a total of 28 goals were scored in nine games and it was perhaps fitting that League leaders Lincoln should lead the way.

And lead the way they did! They thumped nine past troubled Bournemouth, still reeling under the David Webb affair and there were hat-tricks for Lincoln players Hobson and Bell.

Two teams hit four, Bristol Rovers — or should it be Williams Rovers — maintaining their promotion challenge with a beating of Wrexham and D. Williams, B. Williams and G. Williams all hit the target.

Brentford scored four in their win over Exeter with former England man Stan Bowles getting his name on the scoresheet.

Plymouth's revival goes on. The team who looked less than impressive when being beaten 3-0 by Latics at Springfield earlier in the season have now sorted themselves out and are edging into the top eight.

The battle of the strugglers, Doncaster and Millwall, ended in a win

for Billy Bremner's side who scored two goals in the last eight minutes through Mell and Glyn Snodin.

Snodin's brother, Ian, Doncaster's rated defender, has been attracting the attention of a number of clubs throughout the season but as yet, no one has been prepared to gamble on the youngster.

It only takes a couple of good performances from promising youngsters to get the big clubs sniffing round — ask Steve Walsh — but the transfer market is pretty dead at the moment.

The majority of moves involve this horrible, cheap, loan system which does nothing for the game whatsoever and only serves to unsettle both clubs and players.

What's the use of signing a player on loan if you know you can't afford him at the end of the month?

Archie Gemmill's move from Latics to Derby seems to have been a success.

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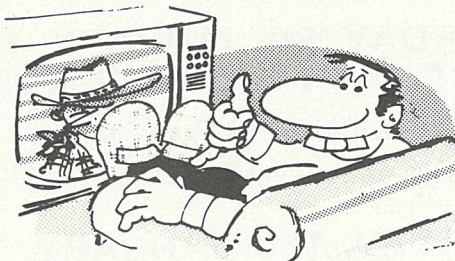
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COMING UP NEXT

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1983
BRENTFORD -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1983
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- LINCOLN CITY

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1983
BRADFORD CITY -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1983
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**ON
FILE**

I DON'T know whether you read an article by Jack Charlton in one of the "daily's" lately, but it was headlined "Soccer on the Rates" — and the forthright manager of Sheffield Wednesday made out a fair case for some kind of public subsidy for League clubs. Whilst many peoples' initial reaction to the idea is one of horror, two things must be remembered. One is the consequence of the death of the Football League upon society in general — can you really imagine England without the football results, the pools, the millions of hours spent by us all collectively nattering about the game? The other is that the government already spends millions of pounds of tax payers money on sponsoring sport and leisure (through the Sports Council) and Art (through the Arts Council). For example, the Royal Opera Company were scheduled to do a fortnight's performances at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, but decided that they could not afford it as it would make a £400,000 loss. Now it looks as though that loss will be met from the £95 million grant being made to the Arts Council for next year. £40,000 so that a maximum of 20,000 people can watch opera! I am not, I must point out, opposed to such subsidy, but quote it merely as an example of existing government support for leisure.

In the Football League, I do not think that a direct grant would be necessary, but merely the making of the game exempt from V.A.T. (and when you think

that 13p. in every £1 taken at the turnstiles goes to the tax man, you can realise what a fortune the V.A.T. man makes from League Clubs per year) and a reduction of the huge slice of the cake that the Government takes from the Pools Companies profits. A reduction in that levy would up the amount passed on to the League under the present agreement.

In its efforts to put pressure on the government to help football, a group of M.P.'s have been formed into the House of Commons All Party Football Group and the following report was circulated to all clubs about its progress a week or so ago. It informed us that the group, of which the Football League President, Mr. Jack Dunnet M.P. is a member, had met the Economic Secretary to the Treasury to discuss taxation matters as they affect football clubs. The issues of V.A.T. and the Pools Betting Duty were raised, but no indication was forthcoming from the Government as to its feeling on the matter. I am happy to record that Mr. Alan Fitch, our local M.P. is a keen supporter of the group and I am sure he is doing all he can for the cause. But I think until the majority of M.P.'s and Lords realise that keeping football alive is at least as important as keeping opera alive, we won't be getting much help from the Houses of Parliament.

Cheers,

Colin Burke.



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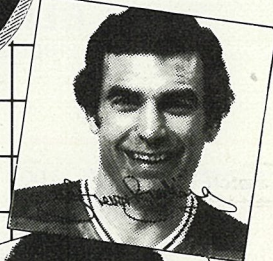
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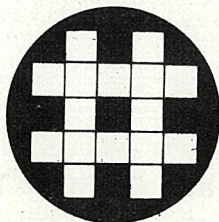
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 15

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:
Northern Ireland keeper; --- Thomas; Structure at the ground; Get the ball away.

CLUB CLUE No. 15

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

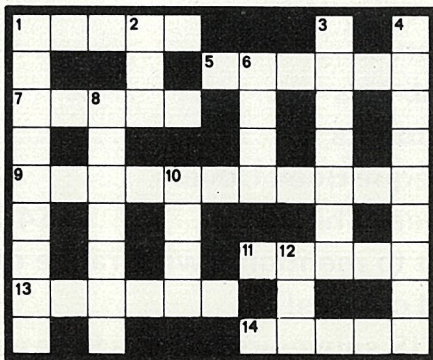
A trap's overthrown in Czechoslovakia.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 15

Re-order the letters in each of the words **NAILED** and **SWELL** to find the names of two men called Peter.

QUICK QUIZ No. 15

1. What are the Football League clubs which have names beginning with G?
2. Bolton's left-backs in their 1953 and 1958 FA Cup final teams were brothers — what were their names?
3. Which club had the longest NASL career — founder-members in 1968, they folded in 1981?
4. Brazil scored 0, 1, 2 or 3 against New Zealand in the World Cup finals?
5. Which South American country has a club called Everton?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 15 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Full-back who had 350 League games for Stoke in the 1960s and 1970s (5)
5. Czech club Spartak --- had several good runs in the European Cup (one was stopped by Derby) a few years ago (6)
7. With which tired players get knotted! (5)
9. Player who made his 700th League appearance this season (4, 7)
11. The name of Nattress (5)
13. Late season fixture-congestion time (6)
14. Hairy-sounding wing-half who served Birmingham City through the 1960s before finishing with a few games for Aston Villa (5)

DOWN

1. Striker who served Sheffield United and Leeds — despite his Irish first name and Welsh last name, he played for England! (4, 5)
2. --- McCrory, old Irish international who had a long career covering Swansea, Ipswich, Plymouth and Southend (3)
3. The only man to miss a penalty in a World Cup final (7)
4. The club which lost its League place to Peterborough in 1960 (9)
6. Royal part of several Spanish club names (4)
8. Former Sunderland and Blackpool defender who was ever-present in Carlisle's promotion-winning team last season (7)
10. Optimism identifies this international who was with WBA, Birmingham City and Sheffield Wednesday (4)
12. Trevor Francis??? Man of the present, man of the past (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

LOCAL amateur soccer restarts at the weekend after its annual yuletide hibernation. Wigan Metro closes its pitches down over Christmas and New Year so most clubs have little option but to take a well-earned mid-season rest. And even if the pitches were open most teams would find themselves taking a break anyway, such is the usual effect of the weather at this time of year.

One pitch which should have no problems of that sort if it lives up to its name is the all-weather pitch here at Springfield Park, where the Wigan Observer Five-a-side Competition ended recently with victory for the lads from WLC Skelmersdale.

Thirty-two teams set out at the beginning

of the competition, but these were whittled down to four for the final night through a series of qualifying rounds. Those four were further reduced by two semi-finals which saw Guardian 'A' beat Brickmakers 'A' and WLC Skelmersdale dispose of last year's champions, Prince of Wales.

The final between WLC Skelmersdale and Guardian brought an avalanche of goals for the skilful Skem side and the eventually won 5-0, largely thanks to a hat-trick from former Latics youth player Kenny Freeman.

Current Latics star Jimmy Weston was on hand to present the prizes, and the picture below shows him presenting the Wigan Observer Trophy to the WLC side. Photo courtesy of Wigan Observer.



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Solutions to Puzzle Page

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 15 — Across: 1. Marsh; 5. Trnava; 7. cramp; 9. John Hollins; 11. Clive; 13. Easter; 14. Beard. Down: 1. Mick Jones; 2. Sam; 3. Cabrini (1982); 4. Gateshead; 6. Real; 8. Ashurst; 10. Hope; 12. Lee. ON THE BALL No. 15 — Platt; Danny; stand; clear. CLUB CLUE No. 15 — Sparta (Prague) (rev). MIXED DOUBLES No. 15 — Daniel, Wells. QUICK QUIZ No. 15 — 1. Gillingham and Grimsby; 2. Ralph and Tommy Banks; 3. Dallas Tornado; 4. O (Alan Brazill); 5. Chile.

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A well timed tackle from Colin Methven against Oxford United. Photograph by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins

What the papers say...

THE DAILY STAR Langley on "Off" Show as Wigan crash.

Lowly Walsall put the skids under Wigan, who had teenage midfielder Kevin Langley sent off in the dying seconds.

Langley, whose 75th minute goal had put his side back in the game, was dismissed for a foul on Brian Caswell.

Walsall dominated a goalless first half and deservedly went ahead after 55 minutes when player-manager Alan Buckley volleyed home his eighth goal of the season.

The Midlanders rocked Wigan's hopes of a revival by going further ahead 10 minutes later when a mistake by 17 year old defender Steve Walsh let in Kevin Summerfield. Then Wigan were given fresh hope when 'keeper Roy Tunks saved a 70th minute penalty after Dave Glenn brought down Mark Rees — and Langley pulled one back.

But as Larry Lloyd's men pressed desperately for the equaliser, they left themselves light in defence and David Preece grabbed Walsall's third with seven minutes left.

THE DAILY EXPRESS O'Keefe steps in on time

Eamon O'Keefe saved Wigan with an 89th-minute equaliser.

He touched the ball home in a goalmouth scramble just when it seemed Wrexham had grabbed the points.

Ironically, many of Wrexham's biggest crowd of the season — 4,591 — had drifted away and missed the barn-storming finish.

Four minutes from the end Ian Arkwright blasted home a 25-yard shot to break the deadlock. Then came O'Keefe's saver.

THE DAILY MIRROR Wigan on the Slide

Wigan slumped to their second successive home defeat.

All the excitement was crowded into an action-packed second half with the four goals, a missed penalty and a sending off.

Buckley and Summerfield scored for Walsall, then Tunks saved a penalty by Summerfield and Langley scored for Wigan.

Preece put the game out of reach and then Langley was sent off for a foul on Caswell.

THE DAILY MIRROR

Wrexham 1 Wigan Athletic 1
Wrexham looked to have the game in the bag when Ian Arkwright, their bustling midfielder, scored with a 25-yard shot in the 86th minute.

But with just a minute to go Eamon O'Keefe headed home a Dave Glenn cross to salvage a point for Wigan.

Wrexham had enough chances in the first half to sew the match up as Dave Gregory, Arkwright and Steve Buxton all went close.

After the interval Wigan 'keeper Roy Tunks did well to keep out a dipping 30-yarder from Gregory, while at the other end Eddie Niedzwiecki denied O'Keefe.

Wrexham's Phil Bater and Wigan's Glenn and Colin Methven were booked.

What you say...

Andrew Baxendale, 4 Sealtoller Place, Norley Hall.

I find it difficult to describe in words that can be printed. I didn't think the midfield got going at all and didn't give the

forwards any service. A miserable performance. Let's hope the rot will stop.

George Williams, Beech Hill, Wigan.

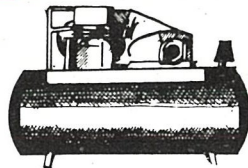
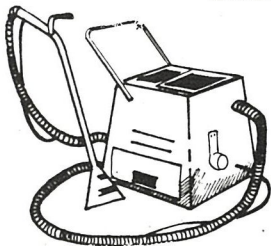
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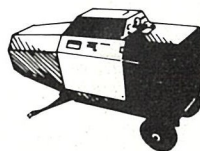
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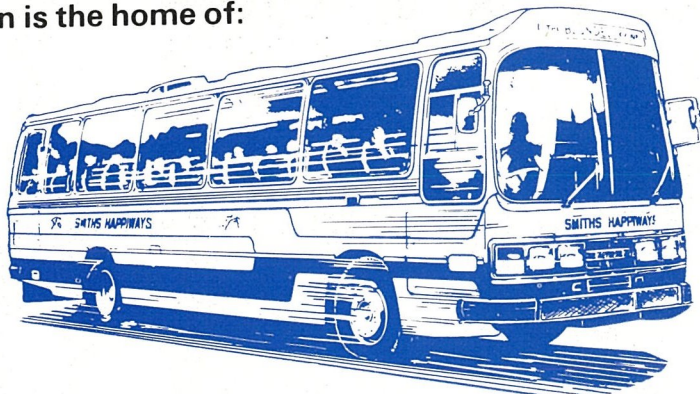


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They are, quite rightly, nicknamed "The Terriers".

MALCOLM BROWN — An 'ever present' last season. Has been selected by his fellow professionals for their Divisional awards for the past two seasons. Recently broke the Club 'consecutive League appearances' record, and has now carried his personal tally to 180 games prior to this season.

DAVID BURKE — Liverpool born, David has had both 1st and 2nd Division experience at Bolton, prior to joining Town at the commencement of last season.

KEITH HANVEY — This much

travelled defender has previously been at Manchester City, Swansea, Rochdale, and Grimsby. A very reliable, speedy defender.

DAVID SUTTON — The Club Captain. Was hit badly by injury last season, but is an invaluable member of the team. Previous clubs were Plymouth Argyle and Reading.

BRIAN STANTON — Liverpool born, Brian joined Town from Bury. Has a very happy knack of popping up from midfield to score spectacular goals.

MARK LILLIS — Born in Manchester joined the Club as an apprentice before signing professional forms in January 1978. Voted "Player of the Year" in his first full season, and remains one of the most popular players at Leeds Road.

DAVID COWLING — Previously with Mansfield Town, David is a very hard working winger, one of the finest crossers of the ball in the Division.

BRIAN COX — First came to us on loan from Sheffield Wednesday during last season when Town were hit with injuries, and signed for Town at the end of the season.

PHIL WILSON — Came to Town at the commencement of last season from Bolton. Phil's home town is Pontefract.

COLIN RUSSELL — Signed from Liverpool in September this year. A quick, elusive striker who has settled in very quickly.

STEPHEN DOYLE — Born in Port Talbot, signed in October 1982 for Town. Previously with Preston North End where he played regularly in the 2nd and 3rd Division. An experienced midfield player.

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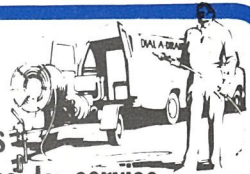
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Hi! Well Christmas is over for another year, and most of you will be looking forward to getting back to school no doubt. But just in case one or two of you might be feeling a little low — you know — nothing to look forward to etc.

I thought now might be a good time to remind you that on **THURSDAY 13th JANUARY AT 7.00 p.m. IN THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB — SCOTTISH WORLD CUP STAR — JOHN ROBERTSON — WILL BE JUNIOR LATICS GUEST OF HONOUR.**

Robbo will be presenting our F.A. Coca-Cola Super Skills Awards to the Junior Latics who attended our first sessions of the season and as these include our first GOLD AWARDS they are rather special.

MONTHS AHEAD

A special guest like John Robertson of course gets 1983 off to a great start for Junior Latics and it doesn't end there for over the next three or four months we will be welcoming, amongst others, Bobby Charlton and Elton Welsby at our meetings and near the end of the season the meeting that everyone looks forward to — our Players Night.

So to ALL Junior Latics members have a Happy New Year and to all other kids you can make it a Happy New Year if you come and join us.

See you soon.

Birthday Guest

George's Birthday Guest today is Darren Black who will be 14 tomorrow. Many happy returns Darren.

Matchday Mascot

Today's Mascot is 10 year old Gareth Hardcastle who is a member of ST. Judes Under-11's Football Team.

His hobbies are judo, swimming and football. Gareth's favourite player is Eamon O'Keefe. Have a lovely day.

See you.

John.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

THE Board of Directors have granted permission for a testimonial to be held at the end of the season for long serving Latics men, Kenny Banks and Duncan Colquhoun.

Kenny Banks joined the club in 1951 in a £1,000 transfer deal from Southport. He played for the first team for eight years and was in that marvellous team which played so well against the mighty Newcastle United in 1954. When his playing career was over, he became the club trainer, a position he has held ever since.

Dunc, now the physio, has filled just about every position on the staff, starting as a player in 1935 when he was brought South of Hadrians Wall from Queen of the South. He left in 1937 to go to Bristol City but returned after the war and, with just a couple of years away since then, he has been coach, trainer, acting-Manager (prior to Gordon Milne taking over) assistant manager and now as unpaid physiotherapist.

Plans have not been finalised for the game, but watch out for more details nearer the time.

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Whilst Wrexham's gate against the Latics was their highest of the season, it

was not only the lowest in the Third Division, it was also less than all but four in the entire League, with only Torquay, Wimbledon, Peterborough and Stockport getting less.

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Latics draw at Wrexham maintained their unique record of never having lost in the League on a Boxing Day.

★ ★ ★

Micky Quinn keeps knocking them in for Stockport County. His penalty at Chester last week was his twelfth League goal of the season.

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Congratulations to George and Betty Doyle on the birth of your baby boy, from all your friends.

Get Well Soon Grandad — Joe Smith — from Peter, Paul and Susan, your grandchildren.

Do the Club and yourself a favour — buy a hamper for Christmas '83 from the Latics Hamper Club.

Lost — pair of glasses in the car park after the Oxford game — if found, please hand in to the Club office.

Lost — set of car and house keys in Stand or car park after the Oxford game. Please hand in to the Office if found. Small reward.

Homes wanted for three little kittens — black and white — all Latics fans! Enquiries to Wigan 44551.

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*Above: Who can stand on one leg the longest? O'Keefe shows David Lowe how it's done.
Below: Jimmy Weston starts an attacking run in the same game against Oxford United. Photographs by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*





Close control by David Lowe against Oxford United. Photograph by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile

Steve Walsh

STEVE WALSH

AN HOUR before the kick-off in the Milk Cup match between Manchester City and Wigan Athletic, two big men walked out onto the pitch and stared around at the empty stadium. For one of them, Larry Lloyd, the fact that he was missing the game through injury further emphasised that he was in the twilight of his career. For the other, Steve Walsh, the game was to mark the dawning of his. Little could he have realised in August as he played for the Latics Youth side at Robin Park that within two months he would be playing in the first team and that his debut would be against First Division opposition. "Yes", he recalls, "I was very nervous. But Mr. Lloyd walked me out onto the pitch before we got changed and that settled me down". And what advice did the ex-International give to the young lad from Preston? "He said, just head it and whack it." And that's just what Steve Walsh did.

Everybody who saw that game must have realised that here was a young player with great potential. But the Latics were the third League side to have him on their books, and the only one to give him a chance. As a schoolboy he represented Preston and Lancashire, but it was when he was playing for Blackpool Y.M.C.A. that Blackpool F.C. spotted him and signed him on schoolboy forms. He was released by them when he was sixteen but, determined as he was to be a professional, he applied to Preston North End for a trial. The Deepdale club was quite impressed with him and kept him on for a while, having him



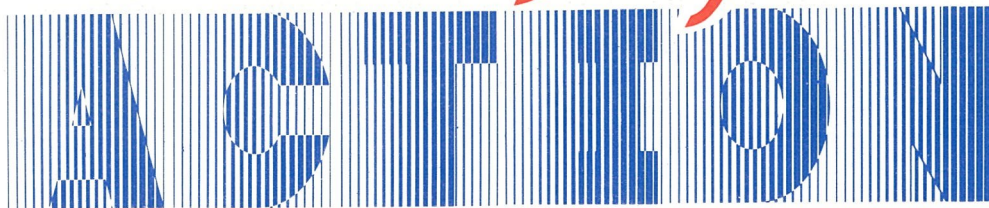
training with the first team squad. But their interest was short lived and when they started to ignore him, he realised it was time to go.

It was at this point that fate intervened. A friend of his, Neil Maudsley, was playing for the Latics Youth Team and recommended the then six foot Walsh to the manager of the side, David Crompton. He immediately spotted the lads potential and over the next twelve months, he and Harry McNally coached and encouraged him, spending many a long evening on the all-weather pitch developing his skills. In that year, Steve grew another two inches and broadened out considerably, and manager Larry Lloyd kept a special eye on this young left footed centre-half who reminded him so much of himself at that age.

By September, 1982, it was apparent to everyone at Springfield Park that Steve Walsh had to be signed on a full-time contract. Chairman Freddie Pye and manager Larry Lloyd had agreed that there could be no additions to the playing staff this season, but they realised that an exception would have to be made in this case so on the 9th September, Steve achieved his ambition and became a professional footballer.

A quiet, unassuming character, he continues to keep his hand in at the upholstery trade that he was apprentice in, and has no ambition other than to go as far in the game as he can. And, as Larry Lloyd says "If he works hard and listens to his teachers, he could go a long way".

Central League



LARRY Lloyd's plans to play his first team against Middlesbrough Reserves in the Central League was thwarted by the wintry conditions in the North East which caused the match to be cancelled.

Forthcoming fixtures include away matches against Preston North End and Notts County, and what should be real attractions, home games against Manchester City and Sunderland.

FIXTURES — 1983

Wednesday, 12th January.

Tuesday, 18th January.

Tuesday, 25th January.

Tuesday, 1st February.

Preston North End

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Sunderland.

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Enjoy today's game.

Call in for a pint and a lottery ticket after the game. Your club needs your support.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring hold.
† Player substituted.

*2 Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE		F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																	
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers	Langley	
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Wash	
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 12 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd†	Houghton	Butler	Rogers	
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Metthven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Rogers	
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Metthven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Butler	
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Metthven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Butler	
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Metthven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmili	Glenn	
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2, 1 leg)	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Metthven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Langley	
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Butler	
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	H	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Williams	
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	A	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Metthven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Langley	
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Metthven	Lloyd†	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Langley	
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2, 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Metthven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Butler	
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsh	Metthven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Langley	
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Wash	Metthven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Lowe	
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Wash	Metthven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmili	Langley	
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	A	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Wash	Metthven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton?	Gemmili	Sheldon	
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Metthven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe	
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	H	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Metthven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe	
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Metthven	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams	
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Metthven	Butler	Shaw	Stee†	Lowe	Weston	Williams	
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Wash	Metthven	Glenn	Langley	Butler	Lowe†	Weston	Bradd	
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A	1-1	4,595	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Wash	Metthven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd	
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H															
1983																	
Jan. 1	Preston NE	A															
Jan. 3	HUDDERSFIELD T	H															
Jan. 8	Brentford	A															
Jan. 15	LINCOLN CITY	A															
Jan. 22	Bradford City	A															
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H															
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* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Tuesday, 28th December, 1982.)

	Home					Away					APts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	
Lincoln City	19	10	0	0	35	5	4	1	4	10	12 43
Cardiff City	20	8	1	1	18	8	4	2	4	16	20 39
Bristol Rovers	21	9	1	1	32	6	2	3	5	15	18 37
Portsmouth	20	8	0	2	22	9	3	4	3	11	15 37
Huddersfield Town	20	8	3	0	29	7	2	3	4	8	12 36
Newport County...	20	7	3	0	20	83		2	5	14	16 35
Oxford United	19	4	5	0	19	10	5	1	4	16	13 33
Brentford	20	8	1	1	29	10	1	4	5	16	22 32
Plymouth Argyle ..	20	8	0	2	15	8	1	4	5	13	23 31
Bradford City	19	6	3	0	22	12	2	3	5	9	15 30
Southend United ..	20	6	1	2	20	10	3	1	7	12	18 29
Gillingham	20	6	1	3	14	8	3	1	6	9	12 29
Exeter City	21	6	3	2	23	17	1	3	6	10	27 27
WIGAN ATHLETIC	20	6	0	4	20	12	2	2	6	15	20 26
AFC Bournemouth	21	3	4	3	11	8	3	2	6	7	23 24
Wrexham	20	5	3	2	11	8	1	3	6	6	22 24
Sheffield United...	19	5	2	3	15	10	1	3	5	7	15 23
Reading	21	5	3	2	20	13	0	4	7	15	29 22
Orient	20	4	2	4	16	22	2	1	7	4	22 21
Chesterfield	20	2	2	6	10	12	2	4	4	9	14 18
Preston North End.	20	2	6	2	12	10	2	0	8	14	26 18
Doncaster Rovers .	20	3	6	1	27	22	0	1	9	6	24 16
Millwall	20	3	5	2	14	13	0	2	8	8	22 16
Walsall	20	3	3	4	10	14	0	4	6	12	24 16

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of Huddersfield Town, a club with a tremendous pedigree which is certainly producing some fine football at present. I trust that all our supporters enjoyed a fine festive season and wish you all a Happy New Year. Let us hope that it brings better fortune to the people of Wigan than the last one.

I apologise for the embarrassing display against Walsall last Wednesday. I have not felt so depressed after a football match for many years. The sooner certain players realise that their money has got to be earned (you get nowt for nowt), the better. Let us hope they retain the standards we know they are capable of quickly.

The financial situation at the club worsens by the week. The overheads and players wages far exceed our income and we, like most clubs, are under tremendous pressure. It seems to be a downhill slide and we are, therefore, looking at various measures

which I will announce in due course. Suffice it to say that dramatic action is required and I and my fellow Directors are in a position where we must take it.

We are now talking about the very survival of the Club, and we are determined not to get into the same position as Tranmere Rovers and the rest.

But all such worries we can forget for the next ninety minutes.

Enjoy the game and have a good 1983.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Freddie Pye". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 15th January, 1983
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- LINCOLN CITY
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Alex Cribley
- 4 Kevin Langley
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Glenn
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 John Butler
- 10 Eamon O'Keefe
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Les Bradd

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. D. W. CIVIL
(Birmingham)

Commenced refereeing in 1956, and via Worcestershire Combination, Football Combination and Football League Line, to the Referees Full List. Has refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup Final in both 1971/72, and 1981/82, and was linesman in a European Cup Quarter Final (1972). Also Scotland v. Switzerland in 1975/76, and refereed first leg of Football Alliance Final (1980).

A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry. Helps with coaching and running a local junior team, with help and advice to young referees, and also enjoys distance and marathon running.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag)
Mr. H.D. Hutchinson
(Buckley, Clwyd)

(Yellow Flag)
Mr. S. Sefton
(Liverpool)

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SCORERS
LATICS:
VISITORS:
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**HUDDERSFIELD
TOWN**
(All Yellow)

- 1 Brian Cox
- 2 Malcolm Brown
- 3 David Burke
- 4 Brian Stanton
- 5 Dave Sutton
- 6 Keith Hanvey
- 7 Mark Lillis
- 8 Steve Doyle
- 9 Colin Russell
- 10 Phil Wilson
- 11 Dave Cowling
- 12 To be announced